

THE OUTLOOK BRIGHT.
Gratifying Reports Made from All Districts to the State Committee.

PARTY AFFAIRS IN GOOD SHAPE.
Indications That a Solid Democratic Delegation Will Be Elected.

IN THE NINTH AND TENTH.
The Fights in These Districts Attracting More Attention Than Any Others—Efforts to Restore Harmony in Washington County.

The Democratic Executive and State Central committees held a prolonged session at Murphy's Hotel last night, discussing in detail the situation in every district of the State.

The meeting was held behind closed doors, but it was stated to the representatives of the press after adjournment, that the reports from the various congressional districts were highly encouraging, and that it was believed a solid Democratic delegation would be sent to Washington from Virginia this fall.

More than half of the session of the committee was devoted to considering the situation in the Ninth District. Judge William F. Rhea, the Democratic candidate, was not present. Mr. R. T. Irvine, of Big Stone Gap, a member of the committee from that district, discussed the situation there at length. The fact that there is a lack of unity in party ranks in Washington county, was fully discussed, and methods calculated to produce harmony were considered. The differences between the Watermelon and anti-Watermelon factions in Washington county, have not been entirely healed. The fact is, that they have not threatened to endanger Democratic success in the Ninth District. The committee faced the situation squarely, and discussed it fully. It was realized that Judge William F. Rhea is making a splendid fight in that district, and every member of the committee felt that it was due him, personally, as well as due the party, that he receive the united and enthusiastic support of the party.

WILL BRING ABOUT HARMONY.
The exact nature of the methods which were adopted by the committee to harmonize the factions in Washington were not made public, but a member from the Ninth District stated after adjournment that he believed they would be successful.

"Some of the best Democrats in the world cast their votes in Washington county," he said, "and with such leaven as this there is strong likelihood of our being able to leave the whole lump."

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TENTH IN GOOD CONDITION.
The situation in the Tenth District was discussed by Judge J. M. Quarles, the Democratic candidate, and by several members of the committee from that district. The prospects were bright, indeed, a member of the committee said they were all surprised to learn that the outlook for Democratic success in this Republican district was so good. There are strong reasons for believing that Mr. Yost will be elected. The Republican nominee is not nearly so strong as Mr. Yost, and factional differences within it is thought, contribute largely to his defeat.

There was practically no doubt expressed as to the result in the Tenth district of the State. Democratic success is in every instance assured, unless some unforeseen contingency arises. In the Second and Fourth, in which the candidates are Hon. William A. Young and Hon. Sidney P. Epps, respectively, who were elected to the last Congress, but who were defeated by the Republican majority, the indications point to their receiving such a majority that the Republicans will be awed into allowing them to retain their seats in peace.

HAS OPENED IN TWO DISTRICTS.
The campaign has not been fairly opened in any of the districts save the Ninth and Tenth, though in all much work in the future was expected. The opening of the campaign by the establishment of State headquarters here was discussed, but no action was taken, and the matter will be left to the chairman and secretary. Headquarters will probably be opened here about September 10th.

The session of the committee lasted about three hours. The attendance was unusually large, both of officers and party leaders, including members of Congress and of both houses of the General Assembly. The lobby at Murphy's presented quite an animated spectacle last night, crowded with the politicians. Everybody knew everybody else, and the hearty greetings of friends and the jolly bonhomie typical of political workers, particularly in the case of Virginia, gave the lobby the air of a committee-room at a State convention.

THE COMMITTEE'S SESSION.
The committee was called to order in a hall on the second floor at Murphy's by Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, chairman, at 8:40 o'clock. Mr. Ellyson stated that several members of the committee had requested that the session be private, and he therefore asked that all day the members and the Democratic candidates for Congress present, retire. The number who went out and remained in the corridors for nearly two hours, was about as great as that which remained inside. The waiting was not tedious, several choice spirits contributing greatly towards making the time pleasant. Chief among these was Senator W. P. Burdette, of Halifax,

whose rollicking conversation kept all in a laughing humor. A joint discussion between the Halifax Senator and Mr. Frank P. Brent, secretary of the State Board of Education, evoked thunders of applause. The outsiders, with the exception of members of the press, were admitted after waiting about two hours, and remained until the committee adjourned, at 11:35.

THOSE WHO WERE PRESENT.
The following members of the two committees were present:

Executive Committee—Second District, R. E. Boykin; Third, H. M. Smith; Seventh, Senator Thomas S. Martin; Tenth, Edward Echols.
State Central Committee—First District, Lloyd T. Smith; Second, Adolph H. E. Crismond; and J. Boyd Sears; Second, C. F. Day, E. Thompson, Jr., W. A. Young (proxy), J. H. Crawford (proxy); Third, J. H. Crawford (proxy); Fourth, R. R. Lassiter; Fifth, E. P. Epps; Sixth, A. J. Jones; Sixth, R. W. Watkins; Seventh, W. Liggett; A. C. Carson; George W. Morris; J. Taylor Ellyson (proxy); James J. Taylor; Eighth, J. S. Shupe; and J. E. Irvine; Tenth, T. A. Lynch; B. F. Buchanan; R. T. Irvine; H. McGowan; Tenth, Joseph Burton; A. W. Finch; W. A. Rinehardt; and J. Taylor Ellyson (proxy).

PERSONAL NOTES.
The resignation of General George J. Hundley, of Amelia, was accepted, and Captain C. Shirley Harrison, of Prince George, was elected to succeed him. Mr. Joseph Burton, State secretary, attended the meeting. He will return home today, but expects to assume charge of headquarters in this city when they are opened, about September 10th.

The Democratic candidates for Congress who were present at the committee meeting were Messrs. Young, of the Second District; Lamb, of the Third; Epps, of the Fourth; Sears, of the Fifth; and J. Boyd Sears, of the Seventh; Rixey, of the Eighth; and Quarles, of the Tenth.

A number of members of the Legislature, besides those on the committee, attended the session, including Senator Jefferson C. Barker, of Bedford; J. H. Montague, of Hampton; Diggs, of King William; Booker, of Suffolk; and Murphy, of Maupin, Reddy, and Anderson, of Richmond.

Other prominent Democrats present included Captain Frank R. Watkins, of Norfolk; George J. Hundley, of Amelia; and a number of others from Richmond and elsewhere. Nearly all of them will remain in the city until this afternoon or to-night.

MORE YELLOW-FEVER.
Ten New Cases at Orwood, Miss.—Genuine Yellow-Jack.

JACKSON, MISS., September 1.—Ten new cases of yellow-fever are reported to-night from Orwood. These cases have appeared since the report yesterday, and are said to be of a mild type. The official report of Inspectors Grant, Dunn, and Harrison, of the Mississippi Board, and Inspector Gill, of the Louisiana Board of Health, on the first Orwood case, was received to-day, and it unhesitatingly pronounces the infection yellow-fever.

ORWOOD ISOLATED.
MERIDIAN, MISS., September 1.—The State Board of Health met at Jackson to-day and night, and discussed the passenger traffic on the old line of the Illinois Central between Grenada and Holly Springs, and the possibility of an epidemic being spread by railroads any more.

"Be it obtained by the Executive Committee of the State Board of Health, that no person coming from a point infected with yellow-fever will be allowed to enter the State of Mississippi without a health certificate showing that he has been in a non-infected point, and accompanied by a certificate of disinfection from the Marine Hospital service."

SUSPICIOUS CASES.
It was reported by a board of Health that there are suspicious cases of fever at Water Valley. The fever experts went to Taylor's Station to-night to investigate the suspicious fever at that point.

THE PRESIDENT AT HIS HOME.
All the People Turn Out to Greet Him—He Leaves for the East.

CLEVELAND, O., September 1.—President McKinley and party left Cleveland for Canton this morning, on a special train on the Cleveland Terminal and Valley railway. A small crowd of neighbors and friends assembled to see the party off.

GRAND DEMONSTRATION.
CANTON, O., September 1.—A grand demonstration occurred here at noon to-day, in honor of President McKinley and party. The demonstration was held on the grounds of the President's house, and was attended by a large number of people.

NO FORMALITY.
The President and Mrs. McKinley were driven directly to the Barber home, where their stay of a few hours was short of all formality.

Between 4 and 5 o'clock they boarded a special train on the Pennsylvania line, and proceeded eastward. Major Veb, C. Hayes, Myron T. Herrick, will be of the east-bound party leaving here.

SPANISH PEACE COMMISSION.
Deadline for Appointments of Its Members Continues.

MADRID, September 1.—10 P. M.—The deadline for the appointment of the members of the peace commission continues.

The Cabinet sat this evening in concert, the Queen Regent presiding. Lieutenant-General Correo, Minister for War, read a dispatch from General Rios, acting Governor-General of the Spanish territory in the Philippine Islands, announcing that he had accepted to Admiral Dorey's request to open Philippine ports, subject to ratification by the Madrid government. Senor Sagasta, according to El Heraldo, is trying to persuade the Duke of Tetuan, new leader of the Discontented Conservatives, to join the peace commission.

CABINET CRISIS.
11:30 P. M.—To-night, several members of the Chamber of Deputies have expressed a strong belief that a Cabinet crisis will follow immediately on the meeting of the Cortes.

MISS DAVIS MUCH IMPROVED.
She is Able to Take Nourishment for the First Time in Several Days.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, September 1.—Miss Winnie Davis, who has been seriously ill with gastritis, passed a comfortable day, and to-night is much improved. She is now able to take nourishment for the first time in several days.

The press dispatches indicating that Miss Winnie Davis was alarmingly ill caused great anxiety on the part of her friends. Believing that her condition has not been so serious as has been represented, a letter was received in which she said Miss Winnie had contracted a cold, and was suffering from gastritis, but she did not regard her condition as at all serious.

A DREYFUS RETRIAL.
Steps to Grant It Said to Have Been Taken.

HENRY'S SUICIDE CONNIVED AT.
Insinuation That Army Authorities Helped to Bring It About.

ALL SORTS OF RUMORS AFLOAT.
One Is That Dreyfus Is Dead—Another That Boisdore Has Killed Himself—Party du Clam Said to Have Been Arrested.

PARIS, September 1.—It is reported that the Minister of Justice, M. Sarrien, has taken steps to grant Captain Dreyfus a retrial.

La Patrie announced to-day that Colonel Paty du Clam has been arrested for complicity in the Dreyfus forgery.

It is now insinuated that the suicide of Lieutenant-Colonel Henry, the chief of the intelligence department of the French Ministry for War, was connived at by the French army authorities. It is recalled that a similar opportunity to commit suicide was afforded to Dreyfus, who, however, declined to profit by it.

It is generally believed that the rest of the general staff of the French army will follow the example of General Boisdore, the chief of staff, and of General Gonze, the under-chief, and tender their resignations.

DID HENRY HAVE ACCOMPLICES?
It appears that the Minister for War, M. Cavaignac, is convinced that Colonel Henry had accomplices in the forgery of the incriminating document. Colonel Henry left letters addressed to the Minister for War and General Boisdore, in which he protested that he had not realized the gravity of the act which he committed, "solely for the good of the cause."

The Minister for War this afternoon received in audience General Renouard, director of the military college, who has accepted the office of chief of the general staff, vacant owing to the resignation of General Boisdore. The latter had farewell to the officials of his bureau this morning.

The medical examination made of the remains of the late Colonel Henry shows that his death was instantaneous. President Faure returned to his home, at Hayre, this afternoon.

PLENTY OF RUMORS.
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PARIS, September 1.—The Dreyfus case presents no new feature, but there is a plentiful supply of rumors. The first of these is that Dreyfus is dead, no letter having been received from him for some weeks. Another report is that General Boisdore is the next to resign the post of chief of the general staff, his committed suicide. Both of these rumors are undoubtedly without foundation.

Colonel Paty du Clam is on a vacation in Switzerland, and there is no confirmation of the statement of La Patrie that he had been arrested for complicity in the Henry forgery.

General Gonze, assistant chief of the general staff, who tendered his resignation yesterday, has been persuaded to withdraw it, as his retirement, under the age limit, will occur next month.

HENRY'S MOTIVE.
The full in news, however, has in no way diminished the popular excitement. Speculation is hottest over the motive for Lieutenant-Colonel Henry's suicide. The traditions of the intelligence department, which, at the time of the condemnation of Dreyfus was under a conspicuous anti-Semite, Colonel Sandherr, who had been chief of the department, and Lieutenant-Colonel Henry's to construe the slightest hint from above of the desirability of killing off the anti-Dreyfus agitation into an order to do so by any means.

ANTI-JEWISH CONSPIRACY.
Colonel Sandherr, who was then suffering from indigestion, is supposed to have been the head of a general conspiracy to hunt Jewish officers out of the French army.

The carelessness of the authorities in allowing Henry to have a razor, and in not watching him, is generally interpreted as connivance.

Had Henry been expelled from the army, both himself and his wife would have lost all pension rights. As it is, the widow becomes entitled to a handsome pension.

FAURE CENSURED.
The government's position is most unhappy. Notices of interpellation in the Chamber of Deputies multiply. President Faure is censured for leaving Paris at such a critical moment.

Great efforts are being made to get the signatures of a majority of the deputies, which is a necessary preliminary to a convocation of the Chamber.

REVISION MOVEMENT GROWING.
The movement in favor of a revision of the Dreyfus case is growing by leaps and bounds. Considering recent events, Major the Count Walsen Esterhazy remains in a course of an interview yesterday, in the course of which he said that he regretted, he said, doubtless he had other revelations to make. Count Esterhazy intends to appeal against his enforced retirement from active service in the army.

DEATH OF DR. M. B. HURT.
This Well-Known Lunenburg Physician Dies Here.

Dr. M. B. Hurt, long a prominent and successful physician of Lunenburg county, but for the last two years a resident of this city, died last evening at 6:45 o'clock at the residence of his sister, Mrs. L. C. Hardy, No. 615 north Eighth street.

He had been ailing for a long while, and about two years ago he had to give up his practice, and came to this city, where he could have the best medical treatment.

Dr. Hurt was a native of Pleasant Grove, where he was named to the Jefferson College in Philadelphia, and soon built up a fine practice. He was a member of the Virginia National Guard, and was killed in the war with General W. H. F. Lee.

Deceased is survived by his wife, who was Mrs. Wm. of Lunenburg, but had no children. He leaves two sisters here, and a brother in New York.

Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. J. M. Young, and with one or the other of these he had made his home since coming to Richmond. The arrangements for the funeral had not been made as yet. The interment will be made in Hollywood.

OTHER DEATHS AND FUNERALS.
A telegram received here yesterday from Matthews Courthouse announced the death at that place of Mrs. Ida B. Hunley, wife of Mr. George Y. Hunley. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. Philip Deane, and she died at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Frischhorn, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock from St. John's Lutheran church.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Frischhorn took place yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock from St. John's Lutheran church. Deceased was the wife of Mr. H. H. West, and will be laid to rest this morning, the funeral taking place from St. Mary's church at 9 o'clock, with high requiem mass.

The funeral of Miss Kathleen V. Kerse will take place from St. Patrick's church this morning at 9 o'clock. Deceased was only 17 years of age, and recently was graduated with honors, along with her twin sister, from St. Patrick's Female School.

Miss Kerse was a young lady of lovely character, and was greatly beloved for her many virtues. The funeral will be held from St. Peter's Cathedral at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The interment will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

CAUGHT HOLD OF THE WIRE.
A Negro Youth Badly Shocked and Has a Severe Fall.

John Cook is a good climber, but he has reason to regret his possession of this accomplishment. He now lies at the almshouse in a precarious condition, as a result of a climbing exhibition of his ascending powers, and a lack of appreciation of the danger of electric wires.

Cook is a colored youth of 19. Late last night he and a party of his chums ascended themselves trying to climb the electric-light pole at Second and Baker streets. There were bets as to who could ascend the pole, and the climbing was on.

John Cook was badly shocked, and he did not hold it long. The shock was severe, and when he was picked up, he was found to have suffered concussion of the brain. His hand was badly burned, especially the little finger. Dr. Brown took John to the hospital, where at 2 o'clock this morning he was doing well.

HELPER FOR SICK SOLDIERS.
Wheeler Reports Arrangements at New York Made.

WASHINGTON, September 1.—Secretary Alger to-night received from General Wheeler, in command of Camp Wikoff, at Montauk Point, the following telegram, which is self-explanatory:

"With further reference to your very thoughtful and humane telegram regarding the sick and wounded soldiers arriving in New York, every arrangement has now been made to comply with your instructions. Men on arrival will be met at trains at Long Island City, provided with food and shelter, and the sick and wounded will be transported in carriages by the Red-Cross Society, and transportation will be secured to their homes by Colonel Kimball, in New York. (Signed) 'WHEELER'."

OUR BUSINESSLIKE UNIFORMS.
Why the American Soldier Has No Gold and Lace.

The sober and businesslike appearance of the American army service uniforms has attracted much attention among the representatives of foreign armies. Big gold epaulettes, startling rows of brass buttons, and "keaks" worn by the British and German soldiers, even in this country, but the American soldier's uniform is plain and simple.

The uniform of the American soldier is plain and simple. It is a uniform of businesslike appearance, and it is a uniform that is well adapted to the needs of the modern soldier.

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NEWPORT NEWS IN THE FOREFRONT.
Her Figure for an Eighteen-Knot Ship the Lowest Made.

HER DESIGN AN ORIGINAL ONE.
It is Suggested That It May Not Prove Satisfactory to the Department—Cramps May Be Given Two Ships—One Will Go to Pacific Coast.

WASHINGTON, September 1.—The result of the bidding for the construction of the three big battleships authorized by Congress is eminently satisfactory to the Navy Department. From the face of the bids, it is claimed that the government is going to secure very much more in the matter of power and speed than was expected; that the cost is going to be less than was paid proportionately for the Illinois class, and finally, that the department will be able to distribute the work among three big ship-building concerns, a method of construction that always results to the advantage of the government.

The bids were opened shortly after noon. In the presence of a number of representatives of ship-building concerns, department officials, and other men connected with the department.

The bids were made in three classes, the first being under the plans prepared by the Engineering Bureau, but not included in the original specifications sent out to bidders. The bids were opened in the following order:

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MISS BARTON LEAVES HABANA.
She Sails in Hospital Ship Clinton for New Orleans.

TAMPA, FLA., September 1.—Colonel Bellinger, quartermaster, received a cable late this evening from Miss Clara Barton, at Habana, saying she would sail at once on the hospital ship Clinton for New Orleans. The Clinton is loaded with Red-Cross supplies, and will put in at Mullet Key for coal. Miss Barton says that she will sail for Norfolk, and then for New Orleans. The transport Panita is now at Exmont Key, undergoing the usual quarantine.

TRILBY EXCURSION.
To Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Ocean View.

next Sunday, September 4th, through to Virginia Beach without change. Passengers for Ocean View will change at Norfolk and Western Depot, Norfolk. A solid vestibule train, new rail and a slack ballasted track, which makes the ride clean and nice. Round-trip tickets, 60¢. P. M. and Norfolk at 7:30 P. M. Stops at Petersburg, Waverly, and Suffolk for passengers. Tickets sold on train for all of these places. Separate coaches for colored people.

MICHELLE & ADAMS, Managers.

THE BEST AND CHEAPEST WAY
To See the Warships in Hampton Roads Next Sunday.

Your Chesapeake and Ohio Sunday outing ticket, reading to Norfolk, which will cost you \$1, will take you to Old Point, thence on either the Pocahontas, or via Ocean View, to Norfolk, the Pocahontas leaving Old Point on arrival of outing train, and will make her course through the fleet of warships, and will arrive at Norfolk at 11:40 A. M., and 2:30 P. M., the tickets being good that route as well as via Ocean View. The Chesapeake and Ohio Sunday outing train leaves Richmond every Sunday at 8:30 A. M.

NIAGARA FALLS TOURS.
Via R. F. & P. R. R